

By Senator Altman

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Senate Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 3 of Article I of the State Constitution, to conform the provision to the portion of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution relating to religious freedom.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the following amendment to Section 3 of Article I of the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

ARTICLE I

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

SECTION 3. Religious freedom.—The legislature ~~There~~ shall make ~~be~~ no law respecting an ~~the~~ establishment of religion, or prohibiting ~~or penalizing~~ the free exercise thereof. Religious freedom shall not justify practices inconsistent with public morals, peace or safety. No revenue of the state or any political subdivision or agency thereof shall ever be taken from the public treasury directly or indirectly in aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any sectarian institution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be placed on the ballot:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

ARTICLE I, SECTION 3

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30 RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.—Proposing an amendment to the State  
31 Constitution providing that no individual or entity may be  
32 denied, on the basis of religious identity or belief,  
33 governmental benefits, funding, or other support, except as  
34 required by the First Amendment to the United States  
35 Constitution, and deleting the prohibition against using  
36 revenues from the public treasury directly or indirectly in aid  
37 of any church, sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any  
38 sectarian institution.